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3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
4 DISTRICT OF NEVADA
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6 CHRISTOPHER M. WILLIAMS,

7 Plaintiff,

8 v.

9 STATE OF NEVADA, *et al.*,

10 Defendants.

Case No.: 2:23-cv-00631-JAD-NJK

Order

11 This action began with a *pro se* civil rights complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983
12 by a state prisoner. Plaintiff has submitted an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Docket
13 No. 1. Based on the financial information provided, the Court finds that Plaintiff is unable to
14 prepay the full filing fee in this matter. The Court entered a screening order on December 9, 2024.
15 Docket No. 17. The screening order imposed a 90-day stay, and the Court entered a subsequent
16 order in which the parties were assigned to mediation by a court-appointed mediator. Docket Nos.
17 17, 19. The parties did not reach a settlement in mediation. Docket No. 24.

18 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

19 1. Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is **GRANTED**. Docket No. 1.

20 Plaintiff will not be required to pay an initial installment of the filing fee. In the event
21 that this action is dismissed, the full filing fee must still be paid pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
22 § 1915(b)(2).

23 2. The movant herein is permitted to maintain this action to conclusion without the
24 necessity of prepayment of any additional fees or costs or the giving of security
25 therefor. This order granting leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* will not extend to the
26 issuance and/or service of subpoenas at government expense.
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3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2), the Nevada Department of Corrections must pay to the Clerk of the United States District Court, District of Nevada, 20% of the preceding month's deposits to Plaintiff's account (Christopher M. Williams, #72981), in the months that the account exceeds \$10.00, until the full \$350.00 filing fee has been paid for this action. The Clerk of the Court is directed to **SEND** a copy of this order to the Finance Division of the Clerk's Office and to **SEND** a copy of this order to the attention of the Chief of Inmate Services for the Nevada Department of Corrections, P.O. Box 7011, Carson City, NV 89702.
4. The Clerk of the Court is directed to electronically **SERVE** a copy of this order and a copy of Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, Docket Nos. 12, 14, on the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Nevada by adding the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to the docket sheet. This does not indicate acceptance of service.
5. Service must be perfected no later than **May 27, 2025**, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m).
6. Subject to the findings of the screening order (Docket No. 17), no later than **March 18, 2025**, the Attorney General's Office must file a notice advising the Court and Plaintiff of: (a) the names of the defendants for whom it accepts service; (b) the names of the defendants for whom it does not accept service, and (c) the names of the defendants for whom it is filing the last-known-address information under seal. As to any of the named defendants for whom the Attorney General's Office cannot accept service, the Office must file, under seal, but must not serve the inmate Plaintiff, the last known address(es) of those defendant(s) for whom it has such information. If the last known address of the defendant(s) is a post office box, the Attorney General's Office must attempt to obtain and provide the last known physical address(es).
7. If service cannot be accepted for any of the named defendant(s), Plaintiff must file a motion identifying the unserved defendant(s), requesting issuance of a summons, and specifying a full name and address for the defendant(s). For the defendant(s) as to

- 1 which the Attorney General has not provided last-known-address information, Plaintiff
2 must provide the full name and address for the defendant(s).
- 3 8. If the Attorney General accepts service of process for any named defendant(s), such
4 defendant(s) must file and serve an answer or other response to the complaint no later
5 than **April 28, 2025**.
- 6 9. Plaintiff must serve upon defendant(s) or, if an appearance has been entered by counsel,
7 upon their attorney(s), a copy of every pleading, motion or other document submitted
8 for consideration by the Court. If Plaintiff electronically files a document with the
9 Court's electronic-filing system, no certificate of service is required. Fed. R. Civ. P.
10 5(d)(1)(B); Nev. Loc. R. IC 4-1(b); Nev. Loc. R. 5-1. However, if Plaintiff mails the
11 document to the Court, Plaintiff must include with the original document submitted for
12 filing a certificate stating the date that a true and correct copy of the document was
13 mailed to the defendants or counsel for the defendants. If counsel has entered a notice
14 of appearance, Plaintiff must direct service to the individual attorney named in the
15 notice of appearance, at the physical or electronic address stated therein. The Court
16 may disregard any document received by a district judge or magistrate judge which has
17 not been filed with the Clerk, and any document received by a district judge, magistrate
18 judge, or the Clerk which fails to include a certificate showing proper service when
19 required.
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21 10. This case is no longer stayed.

22 IT IS SO ORDERED.

23 DATED: February 25, 2025.

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26 NANCY J. KOPPE
27 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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